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- 1. GERMAN MINISTER COUNSELOR HERE COMMENTED THAT WHILE EC WILL BE TRYING TO COORDINATE COMMON POLICY, GERMANS EXPECT IT WILL BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO DO SO GIVEN OBVIOUS FRENCH TILT TOWARD MOROCCO WHICH PUTS THEM OUT OF LINE WITH REST OF EC MEMBERS.
- 2. HE NOTED THAT FRG HAD RECEIVED LETTERS OF THANKS FROM MOROCCANS, POLISARIO AND ALGERIANS FOR FRG UNGA VOTES AND THAT FRG HOPED TO CONTINUE IN THIS HAPPY POSITION. HE SAID THAT IN LINE WITH THIS HOPE GERMANY EMBASSY IN MOROCCO WAS CURRENTLY FORBIDDING ITS DIPLOMATS TO GO INTO SAHARA.
- 3. ITALIAN COUNSELOR ECHOED SAME LINE ABOUT LIMITED EXPECTATIONS AS TO DEGREE OF COORDINATION OF COMMON POLICY POSSIBLE. LYNE UNQTE KISSINGER CONFIDENTIAL

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